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Hongkong, 19th January, 1900. [47]



VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.
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AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORITY of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Post Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.
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DEATH.

Died at the United States Consulate General, Hongkong, at 9 a.m., the 16th January, 1900, Mrs. BERTHA ISABEL FOOTE, wife of Hon. W. W. Foote of Oakland, California, and Aunt of Mrs. Rouseville Wildman. [83b]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1900.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE HIGHLAND BRIGADE.

On Wednesday last our evening contemporary published a telegram from Colombo which stated that "The soldiers composing the Highland Brigade with Lord MERRITS'S Column, the 2nd Royal Highlanders (Black Watch), 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, 1st Highland Light Infantry, 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and 1st Gordon Highlanders, refuse absolutely to salute Lieutenant General Lord MERRITS'S." We earnestly trust that this telegram, which has, so far, received no confirmation, will prove to be erroneous. Our contemporary remarks that the conduct of the men smacks of insubordination, but military men with whom we have spoken upon the subject use a much stronger term and express the opinion that if the news be true, and they hope that it is not, the whole of the insubordinate Highlanders will be sent to the rear and deprived of the part that they would have otherwise taken in the operations. For our own part we cannot believe the report to be true. Highland troops have always been noted as amongst the smartest of the British Army and it is difficult to believe that in the face of the enemy, as it were, they would take a course which, while perhaps intended to indicate that they had lost faith in their commander, would certainly cause the commander to lose faith in them and doubt their trustworthiness to carry out his orders. We cannot believe that trained and tried soldiers would ever have stooped to such childishness.

THE "BUNDESRATH" INCIDENT.

It is somewhat difficult to credit Reuters statement that besides having irritated Germany we shall be obliged to pay a heavy indemnity for the detention of the "Bundesrath." We have been told that Britain's reply to Germany's protest upheld her right to search neutral vessels and this being the case Reuters's piece of news comes as a complete surprise. May it not be that the telegram has been mutilated and that it should have read as Continental opinion and not as a fact? If we are not allowed to search neutral ships, then any little two-penny-halfpenny state which happened to be at war with us could obtain all the arms and ammunition it required by the simple expedient of shipping them in foreign bottoms. We hope there is a mistake somewhere.

CONGRATULATION.

We congratulate Major Brown, R.A.M.C., and Mr. McKie upon the success which attended their first onslaught upon filth. It is true that Major Brown's first motion was negative but still Kowloon residents will have the satisfaction of knowing that they will only have to endure the nuisance for another three months. Still, we think that steps should have been taken to ensure its immediate removal if possible; we agree with Mr. Osborne that latrines need not necessarily be offensive, but when one is so, and is a constant source of complaint, the sooner it is done away with the better. Evidently Major Brown and Mr. McKie are not entirely deficient in the sense of smell as so many of our Sanitary Officials appear to be.

REUTERS'S TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS'S SERVICE.

Portugal and Delagoa Bay.

LONDON, January 17th.
Portugal has declared that she will neither sell, cede, nor lease any of her colonial possessions.

Martial Law in Cape Colony.

Sir Alfred Milner has proclaimed martial law in the districts of Philippstown and Hope-town.

The Tugela River.

Very heavy Artillery firing was heard on Monday in the direction of Springfield.

The Free Staters and the War.

Various reports are current that the Free Staters are desirous of ending the war. It is stated that at a Council recently held at Bloemfontein it was declared that if the British did not attack by the 17th instant the Free Staters would return to their homes.

LATER.

The "Bundesrath" Incident.

The steamer Bundesrath will be released immediately. Great Britain besides having deeply irritated Germany will have to pay a heavy indemnity.

Departure of the 2nd Sydney Contingent.

The second Sydney Contingent has sailed amidst boundless enthusiasm.

Losses at Rensberg.

The British losses at Rensberg on the 15th instant were 7 killed and 6 wounded. Captain Orr of the Yorkshire dangerously.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER GAZETTE SERVICE.

Modder River.

General Methuen on Tuesday made a demonstration in the direction of the enemy's left, which was found strongly occupied. The enemy did not reply until the British withdrew. There were no casualties.

Mafeking.

The Times Correspondent at Lorenzo Marques states that Mafeking was holding its own pluckily on the 14th instant and that there was no likelihood of its being compelled to surrender. The garrison had plenty of cattle and tinned meats.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—
On the 19th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has risen slightly on the E. coast of China, fallen a little on the S. coast. Pressure is high over N. China and low, probably in the N.E. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight to moderate, with moderate monsoon on the coast and fresh monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST:—Moderate N.E. wind; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A SOLDIER was sentenced to be imprisoned for six weeks for pushing the ticket collector of the steam launch *Heron* into the harbour.

A CHINAMAN was this morning at the Magistrate fined \$25 or in default one month's imprisonment for getting stone behind the Reformatory at Causeway Bay without a permit.

TOMORROW afternoon, on the Happy Valley, in the second round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, 25th Company, E. D. R.A., will play "B" Company, R.W.F. Kick-off at four o'clock.

THERE will be a football match at Causeway Bay between the H.K. Engineers F. C. and Royal Engineers F. C. tomorrow. Kick-off at 4 p.m. The following will play for the Engineers:—G. Moore, Dyer, Lapsley, Tunby, Wilson, Ritchie, Blades, R. Henderson, McQuire, Smilie, and Duncan.

A CASE, in which five Chinamen are charged with unlawfully stealing shells from the waters of the Colony, instituted by the Lee Hing Company, came on for hearing at the Magistrate's Court this afternoon. But no evidence was taken as Mr. Francis who is to appear for the defendants was unable to attend. Adjourned till next Friday.

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel, tomorrow, (Saturday) evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:

PROGRAMME.
1. March "Come along with me" "Indulge."
2. "Blue Bells" "Svalbard."
3. "Fandango" "Blue Bells" "Svalbard."
4. "March" "Blue Bells" "Svalbard."
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9. "Fandango" "Blue Bells" "Svalbard."
10. "March" "Blue Bells" "Svalbard."

CRICKET.

On Saturday at 11.30 a.m. the H. K. C. C. will play the Navy on the Cricket ground.

CLUB TEAM.

R. B. Johnson. H. C. Hancock.
G. R. Vallings. R. L. Thomson.
Capt. Langhorne. C. M. G. Burnie.
J. A. Lawson. E. H. Hinds.
F. Maitland. Capt. Dyson.
A. G. Ward.

HONGKONG BOAT CLUB.

Yesterday evening the members of the Hongkong Boat Club had a scratch race between themselves. Three boats were entered and the course was from the Nau-mai Police Station to the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's pier, a distance of approximately three-quarters of a mile. Mr. C. H. Grace acted in the capacity of Starter and Umpire.

CREWS.

No. 1 Boat. No. 2 Boat.
C. H. Gale. C. T. Katsch.
R. E. Johnson. A. Ellis.
G. T. Batsch. C. J. Hancock.
G. M. Young. J. Fredericks.
Bain. Cox. White. Cox.

No. 3 Boat.

W. Gunning. Major Watson.
J. Yates. J. Danby.
L. Barrett. Cox.

A good start was made, No. 2 pulling ahead with much too fast a stroke, which they were not able to maintain, and so allowed No. 1 boat, pulling a good, steady, long stroke, to forge ahead of them. No. 3 took up the position of third and managed to keep it throughout the race. Only once was there any doubt of the result and that was caused by a junk crossing No. 1 boat, which obliged their coxswain to steer in a most erratic manner. No. 2, however, were not fussed enough to take advantage of their rival's misfortune. No. 1 coming in an easy winner. No. 3's stroke towards the end of the race was rowing purely with his arms and not utilizing the muscles of his back in any way. Time 5 mins. 34 secs.

THE LATRINE QUESTION.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Major Brown, R.A.M.C., in moving that the latrine in Elgin Road, Kowloon, be removed, said that it almost seemed as if sites for latrines had been selected on the principal of making them the greatest possible nuisance to the greatest possible number of persons and that the Elgin Road latrine was a striking example and had been complained of most bitterly by Kowloon residents. He wished to have it removed to a site where it would cause annoyance to as few persons as possible.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hartigan. Mr. Osborne said that the latrine belonged to the Wharf and Godown Company and he understood that the Sanitary Board had no power to order its removal. As a matter of fact, arrangements had been made for its removal in deference to the wishes of the Kowloon residents.

Mr. Ormsby remarked that he saw no objection to a latrine being in a public place and did not see why it should be offensive, but, in view of its removal having been promised by Mr. Osborne, he had nothing further to say on the matter.

In reply to Major Brown, Mr. Osborne said that the latrine would be removed within the next three months.

Dr. Clarke pointed out that the only way in which the Board could deal with a private latrine was to summon the owner for committing a nuisance.

The motion was put and lost.

Major Brown then put his second motion, for the removal of the latrine between Knutsford and Ormsby Terraces, saying that there had been continual complaints from the residents in the vicinity.

Mr. McKie seconded.

After some discussion, Mr. Osborne proposed an amendment that the contractor be required to construct a bamboo pier leading below low water mark and establish the latrine at the end of it. This amendment was carried.

Mr. McKie proposed the removal of the latrine situated on the western boundary of the Cricket ground, saying that it was a great nuisance to those going that way to the Train Station and to frequenters of the Cricket ground. After some discussion the motion was amended and it was decided that the latrine should be removed to some spot more westward to the north of the City Hall.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honor W. M. Goodman, Acting Chief Justice.)

January 18th.

ARMED ROBBERY.

The witness for the prosecution in the armed robbery case supported the statements made by Mr. Pollock in his opening address to the jury.

Evidence for the defence was then gone into which showed that the Prosecutor had been employed by Tam Y. for two months, as his father had stolen the \$10 from him.

The Prosecutor on being recalled denied ever having been in Tam Y's employ and challenged him to produce his wages book.

The book was produced and showed payments made to Prosecutor, who, then said the book produced did not belong to Tam Y but to another man named Chung Tong.

Chung Tong was then called and sworn. He said Lam Hing, the Prosecutor, used to be employed by Tam Y as a foki and it was not right for him to steal his master's money.

His Lordship warned Lam Hing against not speaking the truth, but he still persisted in denying ever having been in the employ of Tam Y.

His Lordship, addressing the Jury, said the only witness for the prosecution was Lam Y. That man had been convicted by the Magistrate of having stolen the very money which he alleged the prisoner stole from him. Of course people must not rob a thief, but the thing was this, had they any reasonable doubt about the guilt of the prisoner, and were they prepared to find him guilty on the unsupported evidence of Tam Y. Under the circumstances he did not think it would be safe to do so.

His Lordship believed Tam Y had been telling lies, and he sentenced him to three months' hard labour.

January 19th.

This morning Pang Hin Yau and Pang Tak Ying came up for sentence after having pleaded "guilty" to the third count of the indictment, viz. conspiracy to cheat and defraud.

Mr. Francis in appealing to His Lordship for a lenient sentence said that the whole matter was a family one, and the learned counsel related how the land had been first left to Pang Kong, when a boy, by his father, who on reaching manhood when he came into the property assigned one half to his mother. This, Mr. Francis alleged, might have been prompted by pure filial affection but that the law looked upon these transactions with a certain amount of suspicion, and the probability was that until the day of his death Pang Kong was sorry that he had done so. When the mother died, she left her property to Pang Kong's infant son, but did not make the father the trustee, but Pang Hing Yau, Pang Kong's brother was appointed. Pang Kong naturally felt hurt and Mr. Francis respectfully submitted that that was at his instigation that the fraudulent deed was drawn up, as he wished to obtain control of the property himself. When Pang Kong died he left his property to his son (the same one as had been left his grand-mother's property) and appointed his sister, not his widow, as guardian. It was owing to Pang Hing Yau's conduct subsequent to the death of Pang Kong that the fraud was committed. Mr. Francis pleaded guilty to the third count. Mr. Francis asked for a light sentence for the first prisoner because it was probably at Pang Kong's instigation and because in point of fact no actual harm had been done the boy, the land at the present time being registered in the Land Office in his name, and Pang Hing Yau was willing to renounce all rights as the boy's trustee, and for another to be appointed. For the second prisoner, Mr. Francis asked that his youth, only 18 when the fraudulent deed was signed, might be taken into account. The First Offenders Act was not in operation in Hongkong but his spirit so impregnated British law that he leniently asked that the widow of Pang Kong was in Court and if his Lordship would call her she would say that she did not press for a severe sentence.

Mr. Pollock said he regretted having to ask that the extreme penalty be inflicted for a misdemeanour, as they had pleaded guilty of conspiring with a wicked and criminal intention to cheat and defraud Pang Shui Cheong. His learned friend had tried to show that there was no wicked intention. There was another serious matter; that in the affidavit filed by the first prisoner he attempted to show that he was not the trustee of the boy but of another one, son of a concubine; this he must have known was false and had been proved so by two of the witnesses.

On passing Sentence His Lordship said:—

There are circumstances in this case to which I think it my duty to call attention.

On 14th November, 1899, a writ was issued in the original civil jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, on behalf of a little boy named Pang Shui Cheong, by his next friend, against the two prisoners as defendants praying that a Deed of Assignment dated 24th October, 1898, purporting to be an assignment by the first prisoner of an undivided moiety of Section 1 of Inland Lot No. 202, should be declared fraudulent.

The ground that was assigned, who purported to be the trustee of the boy, was personated by the second prisoner, and that the Deed should be cancelled and the Registration thereof, at the Land Office, should be vacated and the interest of the first prisoner in the property as Trustee for the little boy, should be assigned and vested in some other trustee for him.

In other words, it was suggested that the first prisoner had, in reality, assigned to the second prisoner the property of the little boy with a view to cheat the child out of the land to which he was entitled as beneficiary.

On the 6th December, 1899, Mr. Reece, the Solicitor for the Plaintiff, applied to me for a decree in the Civil Suit by consent of Defendants, practically in terms of the writ, and filed affidavits in support with the following document as an Exhibit:—"We the undersigned, Pang Wing-yau of No. 7 Pottinger Street, Victoria, Hongkong, Sheriff, and Pang Tak-ying of No. 177 Hollywood Road, Victoria aforesaid, Trader, hereby consent to the Indenture of Assignment bearing date the 24th day of October 1898 and expressed to be made between Pang Hing-yau of the one part and Pang Shui Cheong (in fact personated by Pang Tak-ying) cheong (in fact personated by Pang Tak-ying) of the other part, of one undivided half part or share of land in Section 1 of Inland Lot No. 202 being set aside and cancelled and to the Registration thereof at the Land Office being vacated and to all the estate and interest of Pang Hing-yau in the said half part or share being assigned to or vested in Pang Tak-ying, or some other Trustee or Trustees for the benefit of her son Pang Shui Cheong."

Dated this 3rd day of November 1899.

Witness J. F. Reece, Solicitor, Hongkong, Interpreted &c. &c.

Signed in Chinese by Pang Hing-yau and Pang Tak-ying.

I found, however, that criminal proceedings against a prisoner were proceeding at the time at the Magistrate's and I had my suspicions that, when my decree had been obtained,

the criminal proceedings would be dropped and that the charges of forgery and conspiracy might not be proceeded with. I could not understand otherwise, why, pending a remand at the Magistrate, Mr. Reece, the Solicitor for the prosecution, should have interviewed the prisoners with his Interpreter and obtained from them a document so fatal to their chance of defending themselves; especially as the prisoners were defended by Solicitor, at all events from 6th November. The investigation of the charge at the Magistrate was commenced on 25th October, 1899, and there were a great many reasons. The prosecution was a private one and I deemed it my duty to call the attention of the Attorney-General to the matter so that any attempt to hush up the criminal aspect of the case, if a crime had really been committed, in consideration of the cancellation of the deed should not succeed without the consent of some responsible officer. In the event, the case was committed for trial and the two prisoners pleaded guilty yesterday, to the third count, which alleges that they conspired and agreed together, on 24th October, 1898, fraudulently to cheat and defraud the little boy, Pang Shui Cheong, out of his undivided moiety of the land known as Section 1 of Inland Lot No. 202. Now, when one looks at the deed of the 24th October, 1898, it is clear that the document is a fraudulent conveyance. It recites, inter alia, that the first prisoner is trustee to assign the property to Pang Shui Cheong on his attaining manhood. The first prisoner therefore knew he was a trustee. It further recites that Pang Shui Cheong had attained the age of twenty-one years and had requested the first prisoner to assign to him. As a matter of fact, this was a falsehood, for the little boy is now only seven or eight years of age, but to carry out the fraud the second prisoner personated the boy and became a party to the deed as if he had been the boy grown up to manhood. Of course, after registration at the Land Office which was duly effected, the deed being duly drawn up at the Solicitor's office, there was nothing to prevent the second prisoner from assigning the property to a purchaser and going off with the money. Fortunately however, this has not been done. I adjourned the case yesterday to allow of affidavits in mitigation of sentence being filed. The prisoners have, respectively, filed an affidavit each accordingly.

The first prisoner alleges he had no fraudulent intention but executed the deed at the request of Pang Kong the father of the little boy.

Pang Kong died last May, and I am not aware of any evidence which I believe in support of this charge against his memory.

The second prisoner alleges in his affidavit that he was only eighteen years old, on 24th October, 1898, and that he executed the deed under the influence of his mother and uncle (since deceased) and in entire ignorance of what he was really doing. But the deed recites that the boy whom he personated had arrived at manhood, and though I am willing to make some allowance in consideration of the second prisoner's age, I believe he knew perfectly well he was a party to a wicked and fraudulent proceeding.

I will deal with the case under Ordinance 14 of 1898 and of course sentence the prisoners only on the count to which they have pleaded guilty. The sentence on the first prisoner is two years' imprisonment with hard labour, and on the second prisoner (as he is young) the sentence will be one year's imprisonment with hard labour.

The Court then adjourned sine die.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

"SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' FAMILIES' FUND."

The Undersigned begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions to the above Fund:

T. JACKSON,
Hon. Treasurer.
Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.
Already acknowledged.....\$93,840.77
The Naval Yard, Hongkong.....532
Captain and Officers, s.s. *Shantung*.....160
Total.....\$94,524.77

A NEW PAPER.

We have been favoured with a copy of the first number of a New Chinese newspaper published in the Colony and entitled *China*, which, like the *Kokumin Shinbun*, published in Japan, has an English column. The aims of the new paper are set forth as follows:—

OUR PROGRAMME.

As this is the first issue of the *China* we feel that it is our duty to state clearly our opinions concerning China, which are as follows:—

1. It is our sincere desire to see the peoples of England and China drawn closer together in the bonds of friendship as we feel certain that if they were better acquainted with one another many of the prejudices existing on both sides would vanish and it seems to us that there is no better medium for bringing this about than the publication in this Colony of a daily newspaper which can be read either by Britishers or Chinamen.

2. We are in favour of complete reform in China—political—financial—judicial—commercial and social and towards this end our best energies will ever be directed, and we feel sure that in our efforts in this direction we shall always receive the sympathy of the British people.

3. We are fully aware of the necessity for maintaining the integrity of China, but we feel that this should be done by forces from within and that our country must learn to depend upon her own resources and thus frustrate the machinations of those Powers who seek to bring about her destruction.

4. Humiliating as it is we are bound to admit that at the present day almost everything connected with China is in an utterly corrupt condition, but this we hold to be entirely the outcome of the gross dishonesty of the Peking government and its Manchoo officials, who have for the last two and a half centuries been the great barrier to Chinese progress and reform. Yet, we are not without hope that great changes for the better may take place in China; but it will require considerable energy on the part of the patriot portion of the Chinese people to make the ruling classes understand their true position and realize the fact that if China is to continue as a nation, she must awaken and quickly.

5. It is our opinion that one of China's greatest necessities is a sound Constitutional government which would place the legislation of the country entirely in the hands of the people. This would be followed by what is so sadly needed—the general reformation of the laws of the Empire and the establishment of the system of trial by jury.

6. We consider that all the measures advocated in this programme are absolutely essential and nothing short of them can be regarded as substantial and permanent reform.

In this our first issue we are only able to briefly state our political views but we hope to interest and meet all the requirements of our readers in the future.

CHINESE OFFICIALS.

It cannot be gainsaid that in refusing to acquiesce in the repeated request of the Chinese government for permission to establish a consulate at Hongkong, the government of that colony has adopted a very wise policy. The Chinese were induced to emigrate bag and baggage to Hongkong in such large numbers solely through the protection the British government afforded to life and property, specially from the rapacity of the mandarinism, and under its benignant rule they thrived and amassed fortunes in a way that would never have been their lot on the mainland. This is the whole

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January (both days inclusive) during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [14b]
HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO,
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 10 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th January to the 1st February inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1900. [62]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on
MONDAY, the 22nd January, 1900, at 3 P.M.,
at their Sales Rooms, Ice House Street,
THE VALUABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS
"DUNNOTTAR,"

on Rural Building Lot No. 20, The Peak.
For further Particulars, apply to
Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS,
and/or
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1900. [57b]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Let by PUBLIC AUCTION,

on
TUESDAY, the 23rd January, 1900,
at 3 P.M., on the Spot.

THE SEVERAL LOTS numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the AUCTIONEER'S OFFICE, for Erection of Booths and Matsheds on the Government Ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand enclosure.

TERMS:—As Usual.
For Conditions of Sale, apply to
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1900. [62b]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

on
WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900,
at 2.45 P.M.,

At ROSE VILLAS WEST, BONHAM ROAD, THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
(Particulars can be seen from Catalogue, which will be issued Prior to Sale).

TERMS:—As customary.
On View from TUESDAY, the 23rd instant.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1900. [79b]

Notice of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE the Undersigned have This Day been appointed AGENTS for the above Godowns. All Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to us.

T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO.,
12, Beaufort Arcade.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [20a]

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE have This Day appointed Messrs. T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO. to be AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to them.

TANG LAP TING,
MOK KUN HUI,
MOK YUEK LIM.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [21b]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1900.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned Vessels will sail from CHINA DIRECT FOR MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

STEAMERS. LEAVE.

Shanghai, Hongkong, Singapore.

Paranatta, 4886 Mar. 27 Mar. 31 April 6

Massilia, 5026 April 10 April 14 April 20

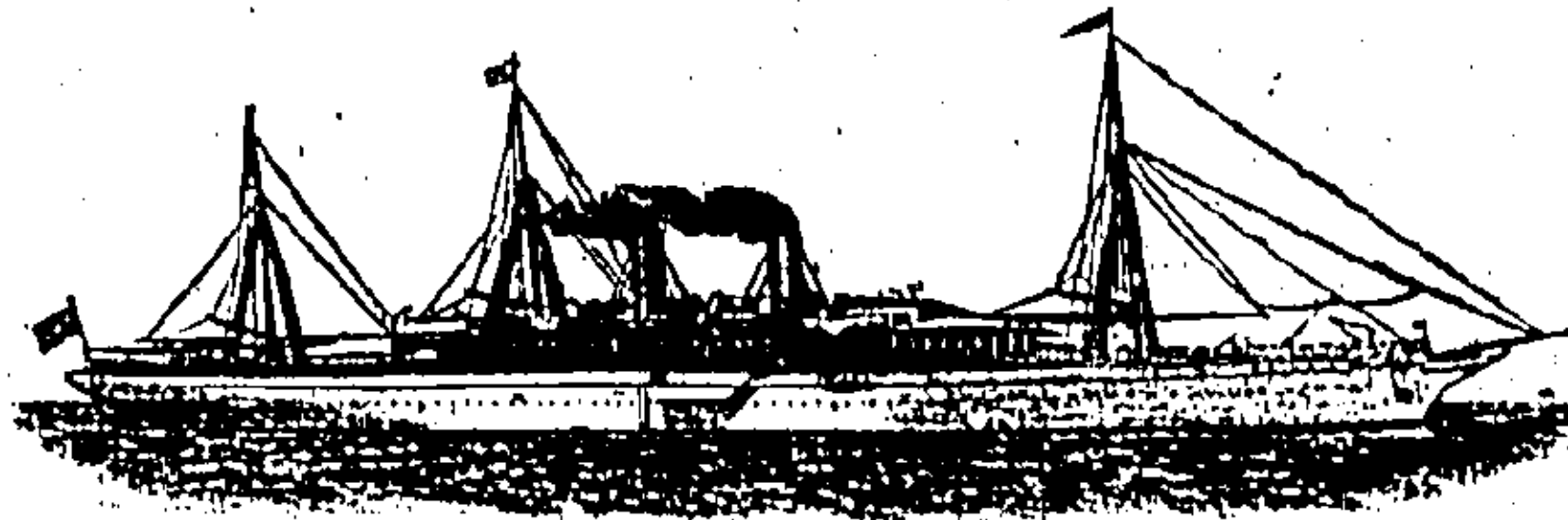
For Freight or Passage apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent, Hongkong.

4th December, 1899. [32]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 14th February.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 14th March.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 4th April.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Paddis Street.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1900. [5]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

17A SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA,

IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

For further information, apply to
Glenzie, 13759 G. E. Elliott Jan. 23.

Glenzie, 13759 R. D. Jones Feb. 10.

Also

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,

IN CONNECTION WITH

OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

For further information, apply to
Abert, 13777 J. Murray Feb. 5.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class tables. Doctor and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none of the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY AND CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £32.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the owner to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Ore. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. of the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to
DOUGLASS & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1900. [4]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Cartage City, 13002 Sunday Jan. 21

Cartage City, 13029 about Feb. 10

Belgium King, 13379 about Feb. 21

Thyris, 13406 about Mar. 6

Lady Jolice, 13406 about Mar. 31

THE Steamship

"CARLISLE CITY"

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, via KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 21st instant.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1900. [28]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"MASSILIA,"

Captain C. Gadd, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1900. [5]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Sunday, 21st Jan., at Daylight.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 13th Feb., at Noon.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Saturday, 10th Mar., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"COPTIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 21st instant, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1900. [7]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KANAGAWA MARU.....J. MacKenzie	{ KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TO-MORROW, 20th Jan., at 4 P.M.
KASUGA MARU.....E. W. Haswell	{ NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO- HAMA	TO-MORROW, 20th Jan., at 4 P.M.
SAKURA MARU.....Wm. Greene	{ YOKOHAMA (DIRECT)	MONDAY, 22nd Jan., at Noon.
YAWATA MARU.....A. E. Moses	{ MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 26th Jan., at 4 P.M.
KAMAKURA MARU.....H. Petersen	{ MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 26th Jan., at Daylight.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1900. [6]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

(Freight Service.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
WITTENBERG.....Madsen	{ HAVRE and HAMBURG.	29th January.
HOLSTIA.....Bahl	{ LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG.	About 8th February.
*BABELSBERG.....Stranek	{ HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 15th February.
WESTPHALIA.....Stranek	{ LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG.	About 27th February.
ASTORIA.....	{ NEW YORK (via SUEZ CANAL.)	About 15th March.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 27th Jan., at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 22nd Feb., at Noon.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 20th March, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"AMERICA MARU,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1900. [7]

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

*Algoa (via Moji, Kobe, and Yokohama) Thursday, 1st March, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Saturday, 3rd March, at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 27th March, at Noon.

(* Taking Cargo only.)

THE U.S. Mail Chartered Steamship—

"ALGOA,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA on or about THURSDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

